

Verb Agreement with Compound Subjects

Review If parts of a compound subject are joined by *and*, the subject usually takes a plural verb. When parts of a compound subject are joined by *or* or *nor*, the verb should agree with the part closest to it.

Directions: Rewrite the sentences in the space provided to correct errors in subject-verb agreement. If a sentence is correct as it stands, write *C*.

1. Lizards and crocodiles is different types of reptiles.

2. Either that book or those magazines includes close-up photos of crocodiles.

3. Lizards' shapes and sizes vary a great deal.

4. Either the tropics or the world's deserts is home for most lizards.

5. Neither that gecko not those iguanas reproduces by bearing live young.

6. Either one egg or several eggs is laid by lizard mothers belonging to the species *Gambella wislizeni*.

7. Neither Katrina nor her brothers was familiar with this species, commonly known as the "leopard lizard."

8. Either insects or the occasional small mammal serve as food for these creatures.

9. Either the American Southwest or northern Mexico is the region where these lizards are found.

10. A lizard's small legs and scaly body is two of its most distinctive features.
